4. The method of appointments to subordinate courts/sub-ordinate judiciary.

5. The training of judicial officers.

6. The role of the legal profession in strengthening the system of administration of justice.

7. The desirability of formulation of the norms which the Government and the public sector undertakings should follow in the settlement of disputes including a review of the present system for conduct of litigation on behalf of the Government and such undertakings.

8. The cost of litigation with a view to lessening the burden on the litigants.

9. Formation of an All India Judicial Service; and

10. Such other matters as the Commission considers proper or necessary for the purpose aforesaid or as may be referred to it from time to time by the Government.

Exhaustive study of electoral reforms

680. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news item published in the Indian Express (Delhi) dated January 18, 1986 about the important recommendations made in an exhaustive study of the electoral reforms by Shri L. P. Singh, a former Governor of Assam for the Centre for Policy Research; and

(b) if so, what are the details of those recommendations and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The study has been undertaken under the auspices of the Centre for Policy Research. It is not customary to comment on research work done by authors under the auspices of autonomous research institutions. The suggestions will, however, be kept in view while arriving at final decisions in the area of electoral reforms.

चुनावों के समय पर राजनैतिक दलों को सामान की सहायता दिए जाने के संबंध में मुख्य निर्वाचन आयुक्त द्वारा दिया गया वक्तव्य

681. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या विधि और न्याय मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 18 जनवरी, 1986 को मुख्य निर्वाचन आयुक्त ने पत्रकारों से बातचीत के दौरान यह कहा था कि राजनैतिक दलों को चुनाव के समय सामानों की सहायता दी जानी चाहिए और प्रत्येक राजनैतिक दल को नकद आर्थिक सहायता देने के सवाल पर भी सावधानी से अध्ययन करने की जरूरत है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

विधि और न्याय मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हंसराज भारद्वाज) : (क) जी ।

(ख) सरकार निर्वाचन आयोग के प्रस्ताव पर, जब भी वे प्राप्त होंगे, निर्वाचन संबंधी सुधारों की समीक्षा करते समय विचार करेगी और राजनैतिक दलों से परामर्श करने के पश्चात् अंतिम विनिश्चय करेगी ।

Reserve pool workers

682. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of reserve pool workers at present in the Ministry (cadre-wise);